

# History of the Game POLO

Prominent Players & Handicaps

Young Goulds Are Stars

By Frederick R. Toombs

THE polo season has produced some exceptionally fine playing this year, and while some of the older players who have helped to make the sport popular in America are now "out of business," we see a large delegation of younger men in the game, younger in point of years, perhaps, but veterans in ability, who are engaging in contests with players almost twice their age, and in many cases carrying off first honors.

But polo is not the only game which is undergoing a concerted assault by the youngsters. Golf, baseball, lawn tennis and other sports are marked by the same feature, and the wholesale influx of new blood cannot but serve to benefit them.

Now that the national championships have been disposed of the polo enthusiasts are making ready to go to Saratoga, N. Y., where from July 27 until Aug. 5 contests engaging some of the best known teams and players in the United States will be held by the Country Club. This tournament will attract a notable assemblage of spectators and will serve as an appetizer for the annual meeting of the Saratoga Polo Club, which opens Aug. 4, continuing until Aug. 23.

Other Tournaments.

Following the Saratoga events come the matches at the Point Judith Country Club, Narragansett Pier, R. I., which end Aug. 12, and later will be played tournaments as indicated by the appended schedule: Aug. 13-25, Westchester Polo Club, Hamilton, Mass.; Sept. 4-12, Dedham (Mass.) Polo Club; Sept. 15-23, Open Challenge cup, Van Cortlandt park, New York city; Sept. 21-26, Staten Island (New York) Polo Club; Sept. 23-Oct. 3, Rumford Polo Club, Providence, R. I.

One of the great disappointments of the season has been the receipt of the news that the English team, composed of Walter Buckmaster, C. Rawlinson, Frederick Frank, Major D. K. Aisell and Major Vango, would be unable to come over to play against the leading American teams. It had been expected that the Britishers would invade America, and negotiations had even gone so far as to establish definite dates for the matches, which were to be played principally at Newport during the height of the social season. The excuse given for the failure of the English team to live up to their promise was that the members of the intended invincible party who bear military titles could not obtain the consent of the British war office to leave the "tight little island" for a period of the length required to play the matches. However true this may be, it seems strange that a country boasting of the greatest array of poloists on the face of the globe could not get together a half dozen players for the purpose of living up to an agreement with the players of another country.

"Fox" Keene's Team.

An American team captained by Foxhall Keene, the greatest American exponent of polo played in England last year, and while defeated in a majority of matches by the Britishers, the visitors made a splendid showing. Their

ponies were stated to be inferior to those of the Englishmen, and this fact probably had an influence on the results. The Englishmen have not played on this side of the Atlantic since 1888, when John Watson's famous team came over and carried away the international cup which Keene's team endeavored to bring back last year.

While polo is primarily a game for wealthy people, owing to the cost of equipment, ponies, etc., it is making headway consistent with its attractive qualities and during the last few years a comparatively large number

of new clubs has been added to the national governing body, of which H. L. Herbert, as chairman, is the dominating factor. Mr. Herbert was a noted player of the game in his younger days and is an expert rider and judge of horses.

Concerning Handicaps.

The polo handicaps have been revised considerably this season, and the present penalties imposed on various players are an interesting illustration of the advances in individual ability. Take the Gould boys as an instance. Kingston and Jay, the sons of George Gould, have each been rated at five goals. Kingston, whom experts consider the better player of the two, was formerly rated at four goals and Jay at three. Benjamin Nicoll has been jumped from five goals to six, and

not void of regard for team work, fully realizing that combined effort is the strongest factor in the success of a polo quartet.

The young Goulds are making noticeable strides in physical development, and it is safe to predict that in two years they will rank with the holders of the highest handicaps registered in the association. They live a life of outdoor activity, which is largely responsible for their present athletic prowess and has given them a foundation for careers still more notable in the field of polo and other endeavors.

Mr. Gould is playing a stronger game than ever before. Although having on his mind numberless business responsibilities which consume most of his time, he still finds opportunities to practice his favorite game and keep in fair shape for the match contests. He has one of the most valuable stables of ponies in the country, and the agility, stamina and intelligence of these wiry little mounts have an important bearing on the play of the Gould team.

The Lakewood's Brilliant Start.

The Lakewood team started the season brilliantly, winning the Herbert and the Georgian Court cups in decisive fashion. These contests were held at Georgian Court, the magnificent Gould estate on the shores of Lake Carasallo, on the outskirts of the exclusive New Jersey winter resort.

Polo History.

Polo has been played in America since the late seventies, when James Gordon Bennett brought over from England a complement of mallets and balls and interested some of his friends in the mysteries of their manipulation. England is especially first in receiving the idea of the game from the Persians, and that the soldiers in old Teheran, Persia's capital, indulged in a sport somewhat similar to modern polo before it was known in India.

The Ponies.

The ponies used in polo contests are wonderful pieces of equine mechanism. They are products of the plains, and the best of them have served their apprenticeship in the cowpunching service. There are also farms in Montana, Colorado, Texas and other states where ponies are especially reared for polo purposes, and their output is a ready market in the localities where the ponies are used.

In England the ponies are of a higher class than ours, care being taken to preserve the lines of famous polo blood by scientific breeding, following the practice of producers of running horses. As a result English ponies bring higher prices than the American, but at the same time we have polo mounts on this side which compare favorably with their transatlantic brothers and sisters. The ponies are nervous, high spirited little fellows. They enter into the game with all the enthusiasm their muscular bodies can hold and often do as much as their riders toward winning victories.

PREPARING DAN PATCH.

Dan Patch, 1834, is now at the Cleveland track. Mac is preparing him for the effort of beating the world's record, and he thinks that the fast son of Joe Patchen will surely do it.

FOYER FLICKERS.

Next season S. Miller West will star in "Fishing Bob," a new play by Edward B. Ross.

Maurice Campbell will sail for Europe about the middle of July, to appear for Henrietta Crossman's representation in London. Miss Crossman has had her eye on London for some time and her hopes are to be realized next June.

Charles L. Welch, who plays the vil-

sequently the Lakewood four, composed of the three Goulds and Mr. Nicoll, bear an increased penalty of four goals.

The two Vanderbilt brothers, Reginald C. and Alfred, comparatively recent additions to the list of active players, who were last year the Westchester team of Newport, have each received a handicap of one goal. The biggest jump in the handicap list has been made by A. L. Cochrane of Myopia, who played at zero last year. He now is penalized at four goals.

The Playing of the Gould Boys is nothing short of remarkable. Notwithstanding their extreme youth for so strenuous a pastime, they minute in the fiercest fray with an absence of fear showing them to be composed of the material that makes up the typical American sportsman. And, while their individual playing is brilliant, they are

almost as a mother loves her baby, and the criticism inspired more wrath in his bosom than you would suppose so amiable a man could hold.

"What's this?" exclaimed the founder and chief stockholder. "You fellows think I'm neglecting the business when I'm going about among people, do you? Very well. I'll bury my nose in my desk, and we'll see what comes of it."

Perhaps this decision was furthered by the fact that thousands of labels printed "Shamrock Brand," to be pasted on all sorts of Lipton goods, had been quietly put out of sight after the defeat of the second Shamrock. On second thought, the kickers among the shareholders concluded they had made a mistake, especially as Lipton shares began to decline somewhat in value.

About this time the Royal Ulster Yacht club took a hand in the game. The club had sprung into fame through Lipton's connection with it and had become the most fashionable and desirable institution of the kind in Great Britain next to the king's own Royal Yacht club, which is an organization so exclusive and haughty that even with the king's backing Sir Thomas Lipton decided two years ago not to try for membership.

The Royal Ulster officials applied all sorts of persuasive measures to the adverse determination of the titled jack and finally won him over.

INDIAN DEER HUNTERS.

A Chicago man who lives a small fraction of the time in the city, being usually long distances away in pursuit of game, tells the method pursued by the Indians of British Columbia in taking deer. They have evolved a system, this huntsman says, that shows practical skill and sympathy and knowledge of natural conditions. He says:

"The Indians, to begin with, do not hunt deer for the pleasure of hunting. They go for deer as a housekeeper goes to market for beef, and what's more, in British Columbia, at any rate—they don't go often. Salmon are plentiful in the rivers and easily caught. So why chase animals when they can secure their food in a more certain way? It is in Newfoundland, where I went a couple of seasons ago. There the prevailing fish, as you might say, is cod, and though there is no end to the variety of edible fish that can be taken, the natives never think of eating anything else. Cod is plentiful and they form the habit, I suppose. This is so ingrained that they call codfish 'fish' simply. The genus is divided into cod and the rest of fish."

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DAN R. AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Dan R. 2:04 that was so successfully campaigned last year by Ed Geary, is now in training at the Indianapolis track.

pany, has been engaged by Miss Viola Allen to play Maria in Miss Allen's production of "Twelfth Night" next season. Miss Tilbury has played the part of His Majesty's theater, London, supporting Mr. Tree, and was spoken well of at that time.

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## LIPTON DIDN'T WANT TO BUILD SHAMROCK III.

It would be interesting to picture the gallant and good natured Sir Thomas Lipton as lying awake at night struggling feverishly with new ideas for "lifting" the America's cup, but as a matter of fact he has never done anything of the sort.

He gave close personal attention to Shamrock I. and II. He considered the designs, he studied over the figures for the cost, he had long confab with every one concerned. This time he is putting his faith in the old proverb of "three times out" and has told designer and builder to go ahead and spend whatever they liked without bothering him about the details.

The truth of the matter is that Sir Thomas was not especially anxious to build a third Shamrock. He wanted somebody else to try it. This business of being beaten was something he wasn't used to, and furthermore, his shareholders—a few of the less enterprising of them—stumbled after the last race that the great business of Lipton, limited, was beginning to suffer on account of the attention the head of the concern was giving to other matters.

Now, Sir Thomas loves that business

## The Grand Circuit Races

Trotting Dates

Baseball Talk

By ARTHUR ROCKWOOD.

LIGHT harness horse men are now putting the finishing touches on their candidates for grand circuit honors. The campaign on the "big ring" begins July 20, and all sorts of surprises are said to be in store for those confident people who expect to pay their milk bills every year with the proceeds of their carefully placed bets.

The first meeting will occur at Detroit, where the Grose Point track offers splendid attractions. The trotters and pacers will have five days on this famous course with a total of twenty-four races, five on each day except the opening one. Forty-four

well filled. The early closing races include four \$2,000 purses for trotters and four for pacers, of the following classes: 2:23, 2:24, 2:25 and 2:26, trotting, and 2:23, 2:24, 2:25 and 2:26, pacing. This association never hangs up sensational purses, yet the racing is always of the highest order. All of the races at the Cleveland meeting will be best two heats in three, and the probable class races which will supplement the early closing events will be for 2:08, 2:09, 2:10, 2:11, 2:12, 2:13, 2:14, 2:15, 2:16, 2:17, 2:18 and 2:19 class trotters; 2:04, 2:05, 2:06, 2:07, 2:08, 2:09, 2:10, 2:11, 2:12 and 2:13 class pacers.

The Meeting at Boston.

The Boston meeting at the Readville track last year was considered by many the most successful of the season. This year the New England Breeders' association, which conducts the races at Readville, hopes to earn a repetition of the verdict. To start the ball a-rolling in the right direction the association has decided to repeat the early closing events of 1902 for the coming grand circuit meeting. This means that the Massachusetts will be a \$15,000 purse, to which 2:12 trotters are eligible. The Blue Hill is for 2:30 trotters and will be worth \$5,000. The Norfolk also is a \$5,000 event, but is for 2:24 pacers; the Neponset is worth \$3,000 and is for the 2:10 pacers; the 2:10 trotters have a \$3,000 purse, and \$200 has been set aside for the three-year-old trotters still eligible to the 2:15 class.

Dates and Purse Totals.

The full schedule of dates assigned to the various cities by the stewards of the grand circuit and the total amounts of the purses to be hung up by each track are as follows: Detroit, July 20-25, \$50,000; Cleveland, July 27-31, \$40,000; Buffalo, Aug. 3-8, \$30,000; New York (Empire City), Aug. 10-15, \$40,000; Brooklyn (Brighton Beach), Aug. 17-22, \$50,000; Boston (Readville), Aug. 24-29, \$55,000; Providence, Aug. 31-Sept. 5, \$45,000; Hartford, Sept. 7-12, \$50,000; Syracuse, Sept. 14-15, \$40,000; Columbus, Sept. 21-25, \$40,000; Cincinnati, Sept. 28-Oct. 3, \$40,000.

It will be seen that the circuit this year is probably the best, in point of convenience for horses and owners, that has ever been formed. The horsemen will be able to save a great deal of money and time by reason of the arrangement of shipments, which does away with all need of "doubling" on the route. The Empire City track, outside of New York city, has been treated handsomely in the matter of dates, following Buffalo and preceding Brighton Beach, also giving another cheap shipment, as the Empire City and Brighton Beach courses are only fifteen miles apart.

Baseball Gossip.

Rumors that the National and American leagues are to combine and form



JOCKEY CANNON, ENGLISH STAR.

The latest member of the famous Cannon family of England to win renown through his ability as a jockey is Mornington Cannon, a descendant of the old time jockey of that name who rode winners in the Derby, the Oaks and other classics of the British turf.

Young Cannon it was who gave Lester Reiff a terrible scare in the Derby of three years ago, when Volodyovski, with Reiff up, won. Cannon brought his mount down to the wire with a sensational rush, taking Reiff unaware and almost taking the race away from the American rider. Cannon is now the rival of Bunty Maher for the premier riding honors of England.

combination of the two major leagues for many years to come, if ever. If any one took seriously the recent reports that negotiations were under way to bring about such an end, she (I assume that only an inmate of the old ladies' home would take any stock in such a yarn) was very foolish, to say the least.

Stop a moment and permit yourself to have a real thought. Estimate the value of the plants of the two leagues, the grounds and buildings in the various cities and ponder over the possibility of any of these clubs assenting to go out of business, or to aid in bringing about a combination that would deprive them of much of their present individuality and importance.

As there are eight clubs in each major league, four clubs would have to go out of business in order to make a twelve club league. Four clubs wiped out would mean that about eighty players, in addition to managers and other officials, would be looking for berth. Yes, the twelve club league is about as certain to arrive as the millennium. If you do not believe it, wait a few centuries and see for yourself.

## A JOKE ON HOPPER.

De Wolf Hopper on a Saturday night in Philadelphia after a performance wandered down to a leading hotel bar, and sitting down with a friend at a table, his companion ordered two cocktails. The waiter returned with the statement that it was impossible to fill the order, as the bar closed on Saturdays promptly at 12.

"My boy," said Hopper, "I'll show you the efficacy of a name." And, turning to the waiter, he exclaimed, "You go back and tell that bartender that those cocktails are for De Wolf Hopper."

Almost instantly the waiter returned with the cocktails, and while the comedian was expatiating on the value of his name in particular and all the great names in general the bartender came out and, snatching the drink off the table, reprimanded the waiter for serving drinks after hours.

"Who did you say those drinks were for?" asked the barkeeper.

"Why," replied the humiliated waiter, "I said they were for De Wolf Hopper."

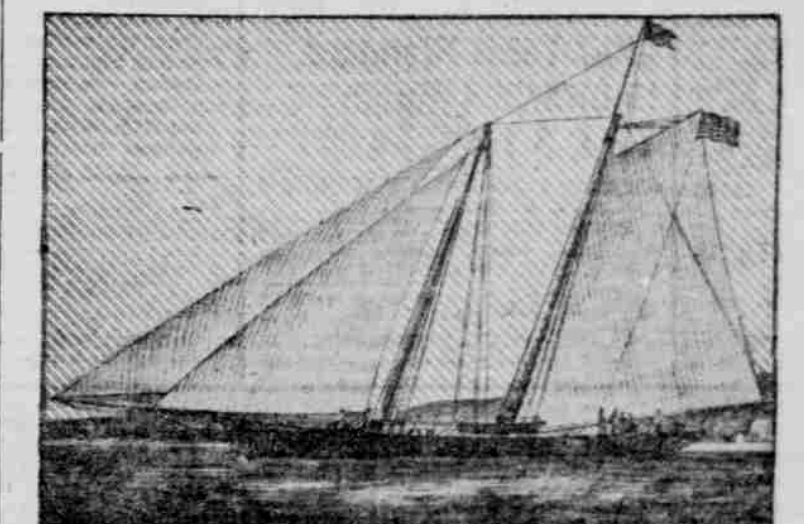
"Well," he replied, "he can't have them. I thought you said they were for Wolf the copper."

## PRINCETON ATHLETICS.

Princeton has seen a revolution in traditional athletic methods this year, and the graduates of the college who pride themselves in never being active (except in their alma mater's affairs) are credited with bringing it about.

With two successive years of defeats in football and the baseball prestige lost as a text, the old graduates began a canvass of the college, urging every one not a cripple to go out and try for the various teams. To the freshman class was given a course in Tiger traditions, and the college men were given to understand that they would be distinguished of time honored rights if Yale won.

On the football field the change of system became evident even to men outside of the college. It was a saying at Yale highbrows that any one could tell at Princeton's dual line up a week after the season opened. At this the new system aimed especially, and instead of an eleven composed of stars sure of their positions no man, unless it were De Witt, has been allowed to believe for a moment that he has more than a fighting chance to make the team.



THE HISTORIC SCHOONER YACHT AMERICA, FIRST WINNER OF THE AMERICA'S CUP.

the two in three plan innovation, which should find favor everywhere.

The Detroit Programme.

The full programme for the Detroit meeting is as follows:

Monday, July 20-2:29 trot, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:34 trot, M. & M. (closed), three in five, stakes \$3,000; 2:36 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:25 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:19 trot, two in three, purse \$1,500.

Tuesday, July 21-2:14 trot, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:14 pace (closed), three in five, stakes \$3,000; 2:15 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:11 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500.

Wednesday, July 22-2:13 trot (closed), two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:18 trot, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:15 pace (closed), two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:13 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500.

Thursday, July 23-2:28 trot, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:28 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:14 trot, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:14 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500; 2:11 pace, two in three, purse \$1,500.

From Detroit the campaigners journey to Cleveland, continuing in the order named to Buffalo, New York (Empire City track), Brooklyn (Brighton Beach track), Boston (Readville track), Providence, R. I., Syracuse, N. Y., and the Ohio City of Columbus and Cincinnati. The Memphis meeting, officially closing the light harness season, will be held at the finish of the grand circuit races.

## The Cleveland Meeting.

The Cleveland enthusiasts anticipate a very successful meeting, and, according to Secretary Dietrich, the events—which closed early in the spring—are



IRISH LAD, BROOKLYN HANDICAP WINNER, AND ONE OF THE GREATEST OF THREE-YEAR-OLDS.



MABEL MCKINLEY BAER, SONG WRITER.

Mabel McKinley Baer is the latest young American woman to achieve success as a composer. She was the favorite niece of the late President McKinley, and during his administration her songs were leading features of many of the White House social gatherings. Her chief claim to fame rests on her most recent production, "Anona," a ballad. This composition is played by orchestras and bands as an interlude for concert purposes. It is also becoming popular at a theater. It is only recently that Mrs. Baer has permitted the publication of her compositions, using "Vivian Gray" as a nom de plume. Decided favor regarding her first offerings to the public, she was encouraged to compose "Anona," which is described as being "regularly melodious" and the theme of which is "the life of an Indian maid."

The composer of "Anona," who is a daughter of Abner McKinley, refused several offers of marriage while in Washington, but in the fall of 1900 married Dr. Hermanus Baer, at that time a student in the Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia. She has a voice of rare quality, and Melba, on hearing her sing in a hotel, advised her to further develop her vocal powers and appear in public.

coats," and Eva Williams and Jack Tucker's whimsical play, "Mollie Darling."

Dan Baker and E. H. O'Connor, the two Frenchmen in "Peggy From Paris," played together in character parts in London.

Maxine Elliott, whose starring tour in which "Timothy Murphy" will appear, begins in September, will appear in new play which Clyde Fitch has just finished.

Miss Zeffe Tilbury, at present the leading woman for Nat Goodwin's com-

pany, has been engaged by Miss Viola Allen to play Maria in Miss Allen's production of "Twelfth Night" next season. Miss Tilbury has played the part of His Majesty's theater, London, supporting Mr. Tree, and was spoken well of at that time.

Lillian Swain will be in the support of Nat Goodwin next season in the revival of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Julia Marlowe will appear in September in "Pools of Fortune." Henry V. Esmond's new play, which will be pro-

duced in America before it is seen in London.

After her performance in "As You Like It" next season Henrietta Crossman will be seen in a modern comedy.

Isadora Rush, who will appear in John C. Fisher's forthcoming production of "The Model and the Maid," has returned from Europe.

Florence Ziegfeld, Jr., before sailing for Europe engaged Joseph Herbert to adapt the new play which Jean Richpin is writing for Anna Held and

also to play an important role in the piece. Max Fisman was also engaged as a member of one of Mr. Ziegfeld's companies to stage his production.

Miss Norienne Nielsen will open her third season as a star in "Peg From Paris" and Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" on Sept. 14. She is spending the summer on her farm in Wilton, Conn.

Fraa Fritta Clark, who next season goes into camp opera under the management of Charles H. Dillingham, will appear in "The Duchess of Dantzig," by

Henry Hamilton and Ivan Caryll, which is to be produced in London by George Edwards. The play, as the title implies, is Mrs. Samson's in made opera setting. Mr. Dillingham intends to produce the piece in America simultaneously with its English production.

An appointment of the Jewels of Kate Cartwright (Mrs. Jennie Elizabeth Phillips, who died in 1902) was recently filed in the office of Oakland, Cal. The value placed on the jewels is \$12,000.